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**From:** Davis, Alison [Davis.Alison@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/19/2017 8:12:47 PM  
**To:** Kenney, James [Kenney.James@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

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Stay tuned.

**From:** Kenney, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Thompson, Lisa <Thompson.Lisa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

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On Dec 19, 2017, at 12:52 PM, Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov> wrote:

Jim,

Thanks for flagging this.

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**From:** Kenney, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Lisa <Thompson.Lisa@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Thanks Lisa.

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Just making sure folks are reviewing the response to comments. \$

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Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** Thompson, Lisa

**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2017 4:21 PM

**To:** Kenney, James <Kenney.James@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Hi Jim – I realize I may be too late, \$

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Thanks!  
Lisa

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**From:** Kenney, James

**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2017 12:19 PM

**To:** Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Thompson, Lisa <Thompson.Lisa@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Adding you as my UOG POC, noting your offices were sent this information yesterday morning.

I'll include you in follow up.

Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** InteragencyReviews <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>  
**Date:** December 14, 2017 at 8:05:18 AM MST  
**To:** "Kenney, James" <Kenney.James@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Bowles, Jack" <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>, "Heninger, Brian" <Heninger.Brian@epa.gov>, "Kopits, Elizabeth" <Kopits.Elizabeth@epa.gov>, "Kime, Robin" <Kime.Robin@epa.gov>, "Adamson, Joseph" <adamson.joseph@epa.gov>, InteragencyReviews <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>, "Farrar, Wanda" <farrar.wanda@epa.gov>, "Eagles, Tom" <Eagles.Tom@epa.gov>, "Marten, Alex" <Marten.Alex@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Expedited Additional Action Item – DOI/BLM Pass-back on Comments re NPRM: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Hello Jim,

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, you provided the Agency's composite comments (including input from OAR and OP) on DOI/BLM's draft NPRM: *"Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements."* I submitted the comments to OMB and now we have received DOI's pass-back to the interagency review comments it received.

Specifically, the following attachments are included:

- The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) with track changes and responses to comments
- A clean version of the NPR with no track changes or comments
- The Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) with track changes and responses to comments
- A clean version of the RIA with no track changes or comments
- The Environmental Assessment (EA) with track changes
- A clean version of the EA with no track changes

OMB also sent a calendar invitation for an interagency call to discuss this rule on Tuesday, December 19, at 1:30pm. In a few minutes, I will forward that invitation to the recipients of this email.

Reviewers: Please review the pass-back documents and provide comments on the clean versions. In order to allow for consideration and compilation of Agency comments prior to the interagency call, please respond by COB Monday, 12/18, to our proxy mailbox: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]. To be clear: silence will be interpreted as "no comment."

Thank you, Stuart

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**From:** Kenney, James  
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**Cc:** Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-McLean.Stuart@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack

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**Subject:** RE: RSC Distribution: Action Item - DOI/BLM NPRM for EPA Review: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Hi Stuart,

Attached please find the integrated set of Agency comments on the RIA and NOPR.

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Thanks,

Jim

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**From:** InteragencyReviews

**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 11:54 AM

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**Subject:** RE: RSC Distribution: Action Item - DOI/BLM NPRM for EPA Review: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

**Importance:** High

Hi Jim,

I just got a note from OMB reminding us that comments on this action are due. When we spoke last week, it sounded like you expected to have something to submit. Do you still expect the Agency to have comments and if so, what is the timing looking like?

Thanks, Stuart

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**From:** Kenney, James

**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 12:43 PM

**To:** Janifer, Pamela <Janifer.Pamela@epa.gov>; Vendinello, Lynn <Vendinello.Lynn@epa.gov>; Passe, Loraine <Passe.Loraine@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>; Parikh, Pooja <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>; Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>; Green, Holly <Green.Holly@epa.gov>; Moskal, John <Moskal.John@epa.gov>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>; Smith, Brian <Smith.Brian@epa.gov>; Hall, Richard <Hall.Richard@epa.gov>; Jann, Stephen <jann.stephen@epa.gov>; Lawrence, Rob <Lawrence.Rob@epa.gov>; Hildebrandt, Kurt <Hildebrandt.Kurt@epa.gov>; Beeler, Cindy <Beeler.Cindy@epa.gov>; Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>; Werntz, James <Werntz.James@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Martin, JohnT <martin.johnt@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Devito, Steve <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>; Byrne, Andrew <Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov>; Matthews, Lisa <Matthews.Lisa@epa.gov>; Dressel, Paul <DRESSEL.PAUL@EPA.GOV>; Buckley, Katherine <Buckley.Katherine@epa.gov>; Mia, Marcia <Mia.Marcia@epa.gov>; Hambrick, Amy <Hambrick.Amy@epa.gov>; Shaw, Hanh <Shaw.Hanh@epa.gov>; Teichman, Kevin <Teichman.Kevin@epa.gov>; Bates, William <bates.william@epa.gov>; Thompson, Lisa <Thompson.Lisa@epa.gov>; Remnek, Alexandre <Remnek.Alexandre@epa.gov>; Barbery, Andrea <Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov>; Coffman, Joel <Coffman.Joel@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-McLean.Stuart@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: RSC Distribution: Action Item - DOI/BLM NPRM for EPA Review: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

Hi all,

Heads up...this was sent out yesterday afternoon to various programs and regions.

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- DOI/BLM entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements" (a.k.a. the 'Venting and Flaring' rule).
- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
- All comments due by COB, Friday, 11/17.

Thanks,

Jim

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 1:58 PM

**To:** RSC Core <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>; RSC Regions Core <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>

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**Subject:** RSC Distribution: Action Item - DOI/BLM NPRM for EPA Review: "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements"

For comment by COB Friday, 11/17.

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Attached for EO 12866 / 13563 interagency review and comment is a regulatory impact analysis and proposed rule from DOI/BLM entitled "***Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements***" (a.k.a. the 'Venting and Flaring' rule).

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